

## [International Joint Master Degree Program in Global Markets, Local Creativities] Three Policies

### Diploma Policy

The international master's program in "Global Markets, Local Creativities" offered at Kyoto University is a joint master's degree program in which the degree is jointly conferred by Kyoto University, the University of Glasgow and the University of Barcelona. It is part of an international educational initiative put together by the "GLOCAL Consortium" (consisting of the aforementioned three universities and multiple others) so as to nurture global human resources by utilizing the specific educational resources of each participating institution.

To this end the program is based on the general rules and regulations of the Graduate School of Economics and the agreements concluded between participating Universities. In order to obtain a joint degree "International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities" students need to fulfil the program criteria in terms of credit attainment and the successful completion (after research supervision) of a master's thesis through which they acquire and demonstrate:

- An awareness of social responsibility and research ethics
- An understanding of local conditions and change in the face of globalization which is grounded in both historical and economic studies
- Critical and analytical thinking on current social and organizational issues
- English and communication skills for both academic purposes and for effective communication in international settings
- An international perspective and cross-cultural understanding which are essential for leadership in an international environment
- A master's thesis of scientific merit which contributes to academic knowledge and/or is of social significance

### Curriculum Policy

In order to achieve the objectives, set out in the Diploma Policy, the GLOCAL Consortium (including Kyoto University, the University of Glasgow and the University of Barcelona) have created an integrated curriculum (known as the GLOCAL program). The GLOCAL program consists of several combinations of universities (study tracks) which confer a variety of degrees. The study track involving Kyoto University awards a jointly conferred "International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities" and is structured according to the following curriculum policy:

1. Reflecting the diversity of its subject matter (the relationship between various regions and the global economy), the program provides a global study environment to participants with a curriculum structure that means all students study in three different countries and at three different universities, and because of its student body is characterized by diversity in national and study backgrounds. All students admitted to the GLOCAL program spend their first (autumn) semester studying at the University of Glasgow after which they progress onto a specific study track.
2. On the study track involving Kyoto University, students study at the University of Glasgow in their first semester, the University of Barcelona in their second semester, and at Kyoto University in their third. The curriculum on this study track is coursework centered and provides students with core knowledge on regional transformation under the influence of globalization, together with a strong grounding in historical and economic analyses.
3. To improve the abilities of participants in using English for both academic and practical communication purposes, the program is offered entirely in English. Furthermore, international and cross-cultural communication and leadership skills are fostered or enhanced on the program by the diversity of participating faculty and the design of the curriculum which includes field research, group learning, summer schools, and small-group learning (in the third and fourth semesters).
4. Throughout the first three semesters students develop their critical thinking and analytical skills through courses and coursework that tackle real social and organizational issues. In the third semester students commence work on their master's thesis and in the fourth semester they focus exclusively on their master's thesis, receiving supervision under a joint-supervision arrangement that includes faculty from all three universities on their study track.
5. In order to cultivate a sense of social responsibility among students and to deepen their understanding of research ethics, related courses and individual research guidance will be provided.

## Admission Policy

This program aims to develop human resources with international leadership qualities who, by making use of the critical thinking and analytical skills, as well as the grounding in historical and economic studies that they acquire, are able to tackle various challenges faced by society in the face of globalization. In order to foster such human resources, the selection process is conducted by evaluating candidates on the basis of the following abilities, motivation, and experience:

1. Whether candidates demonstrate sufficient critical thinking and analytical skills, and are able to identify problems by themselves.
2. Whether candidates demonstrate a strong knowledge or interest in historical factors. Also

whether candidates possess basic academic skills in economics and/or other social science fields, which allow them to engage social science concepts.

3. Whether candidates have a strong interest in social and organizational aspects of regional transformation under globalization, and demonstrate an aspiration to play a leading role in tackling these issues.

4. Whether candidates possess communication skills and an ability in English that allows them to express themselves verbally and in writing with clarity, and which allows them to comprehend and engage academic social science papers written in English.

5. Whether candidates demonstrate an awareness of social responsibility and research ethics which they will apply to their studies.

In order to implement the above admission policy, the selection process for the “International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities” (i.e. the study track involving Kyoto University) is conducted as part of the overall selection process of the “GLOCAL Program” as indicated in the curriculum policy. During the application process applicants select and apply for a desired study track which cannot be changed after application. Applicants for the GLOCAL program who select and apply for the study track that includes Kyoto University and who are then admitted after the screening process become students enrolled in the “International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities”.

In principle the selection process of the GLOCAL program is conducted via the evaluation of the documents submitted by applicants, however, in the case of the “International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities” an additional oral examination may be requested by one of the participating universities on this study track. All applicants must satisfy the standard application criteria as established by the GLOCAL program, including the following requirements:

- A bachelor's degree (obtained prior to enrolment). In particular, a bachelor's degree in humanities and/or social sciences disciplines related to the subject of this program (e.g. economics, business, history, economic/business/social history, etc.) or equivalent disciplines.
- GPA of 75% or more (for country specific GPA requirements please refer to the GLOCAL website)
- Overall IELTS score of 6.5 or higher, and 6.0 or higher in all individual categories

The selection process for the GLOCAL program, including the “International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities”, is carried out on the basis of equality and fairness. Discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, disability, nationality, political views, etc., is and will not be practiced.